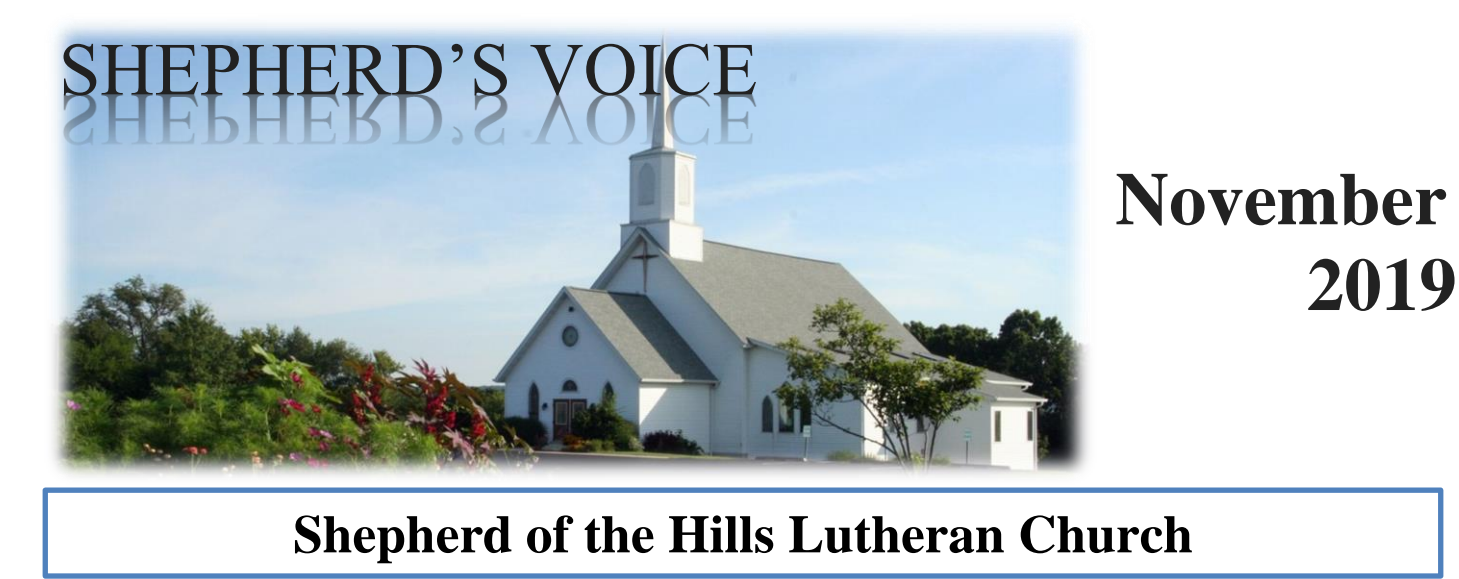
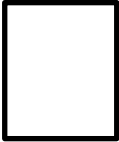


November BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
Jeff Brown	11/05	Larry Ohms	11/15
Ron Brown	11/05	Edie Petelle	11/15
Elizabeth Heim	11/05	Sheila Ohms	11/18
Maddie Heim	11/05	Jessica Folks	11/21
Karlie White	11/05	Liza Crandall	11/22
Lou Kusnierz (80)	11/07	Tom Ohms	11/24
Jen Anderson	11/08	Bonnie Dal Ponte	11/27
Keith Hesselbacher	11/08	Stuart Ohms	11/28
Larry Anderson	11/10	Roger Wills	11/28
Larry McPeek	11/11		
Dave Dal Ponte	11/11		
Debbie Dexter	11/12		

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter or would like to receive it electronically, please email Babette at sothofficeillinois@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message. Please also let us know if any of your contact information changes by calling or emailing. Thank you!

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Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me as your new pastor. You have also been very kind to my wife Noelle and our daughter Katie when she visits from college.

I have appreciated your openness to my ministry. I have also found your leadership to be helpful and kind. The church council is thoughtful and honest, working faithfully to consider how God is calling this congregation to move forward. Other non-elected leaders have also been helpful in introducing me to this church and community. I am becoming familiar with the many meaningful activities that this congregation does to reflect our Lord's grace and love to each other, this area and around the world.

The future is bright for Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. I expect we will work together well to support the many good things that are already happening here and gently make adjustments as needed. Thank you again for your welcome, encouragement and prayers for the future God will lead us into together.

Pastor Jim

SOTH STEAK FRY PROCEEDS GO TO FOOD PANTRIES

Proceeds from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Steak Fry which was held on September 14th were distributed to seven local food pantries in a short ceremony involving representatives from the food pantries. The total distribution was \$3,500.00 and each food pantry received a check for \$500.00. Those attending from each food pantry were: Joyce Kent from Warren, Sally Toepfer from Apple River, Jeanne Ohms from Hanover, Jim Webster from Galena, Shirley Miller from Warren, Norma Schwirtz from Elizabeth, and Sharon Madden from Stockton. Shepherd of the Hills is thankful for all the support given the Steak Fry by members of the church and friends and neighbors in the community who attend the event and purchased items at the silent auction and bake sale. Most of all, we're grateful for the opportunity to share our bounty with friends and neighbors who received help from the food pantries. Following the distribution of check, the food pantry representatives joined other guests at the weekly Shepherd's Table lunch.

UNITED CHURCHES OF GALENA CHRISTMAS CONCERT PRACTICE

Rehearsals on Monday’s at 6:15 pm at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Galena -- November 4th, 18th & 25th. On November 19th will be a Combined Choir practice and also December 3rd. Concert will be Wednesday, December 4th at 7 pm at St. Michael’s church. It’s going to be a wonderful concert infused with the Holy Spirit to begin Advent. All are welcome!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

There will be a Social Ministry meeting on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 9 am (between services).



BODY AND SOUL

Body and Soul will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday evening, November 8, hosted by Larry and Sue Cording. The location will be the Prairie Ridge Meeting Room in Galena. If you are able to attend, please email or phone Larry or Sue Cording (scording9@hotmail.com or phone 815-777-2636 and leave a message). All are welcome to this evening of good food, Christian fellowship, and Bible Study.

FREE CONCERT

Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa will host a concert by Marty Haugen. The concert will be held at Christ the King Chapel, 1450 Alta Vista Avenue on Saturday, November 9th at 7 pm. A number of Marty Haugen published songs are well known to many religious denominations. Here are a few: “Shepherd Me, O God”, “Gather Us In” and “All Are Welcome”.

CEMETERY

Now that the concrete has been removed and the ground smoothed over where an old shed once stood at the Schapville cemetery, the issue going forward will be keeping the area clean. In the past it has been a dumping ground and so has the weedy area around the cemetery for flower pots, wire wreaths etc. When removing artificial flowers, dead flowers, flower pots or any arrangements please take them home with you to dispose of them. We all would like both cemeteries, where our loved ones are buried to look nice. Thank you.

BOOK CLUB

November 26, 2019 will be the next book club meeting. We will be discussing the book “Next Year in Havana” by Chanel Cleeton.



MITTENS, HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES NEEDED FOR WINTER

During the month of November we will be collecting new, or gently used, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. These will be distributed to local schools and food pantries to distribute to children and teens that need them this winter. Preferred gloves are those that are water proof rather than the knitted type, but all types are accepted. The collection box will be in the entry area as you come into church. Thank you!

OPEN FORUM

There will be an open forum on November 17, 2019 at 9 am. Pastor Denver Bitner from the Synod will be available to answer any questions related to the Synod.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JIM MEHLTRETTER

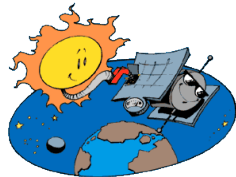
The date has been set for the installation of Pastor Jim. It will be Sunday, November 17, 2019 at the 10 am service. Pastor Denver Bitner will be the installing officer. Following the installation service there will be a potluck dinner in the lower level of the church.

FEW OLD CHURCH ORGAN PIECES

There are still some pieces left from the old church organ. If anyone is interested in keeping a piece of this history, what is left is in the storage shed. In the near future anything that is remaining will be disposed of.

SOLAR PANEL UPDATE

The solar array is now functional. On 23 October 2019, our solar panels were connected to the Jo Carroll Energy power grid. We are now producing electricity for the church electrical needs and excess electricity is being moved into the power grid. When this occurs, the power meter runs in reverse creating credits for use at times when our consumption exceeds solar panel output.



FREE TO TAKE

With the change from fluorescent to LED lighting downstairs, there are a number of fluorescent light tubes in the storage room between the restrooms downstairs. If you have this type of lighting in your home, garage, or shop area and would like some extra light tubes, feel free to take them.

2020 GIVING ENVELOPES

If you received envelopes in the past and wish **not** to receive giving envelopes in 2020 or if you have never received giving envelopes and **would like to** receive a box of the giving envelopes for 2020, please let Babette or Pastor Jim know.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Shepherd of the Hills’ Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 27, 2019. Come to give thanks to God for all he has given to us this past year.



THANK YOUS

Dear Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 to ELCA World Hunger/

Your generous gift is enabling transformative works of love here in the United States and in 60 countries around the world, providing what is needed to end hunger and poverty: access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Together, we are creatively and courageously working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our neighbors around the world.

In Christ, The Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director, Congregations.

Dear Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

The Hanover Food Pantry would like to thank the congregation of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for the very generous and needed donation. We are so blessed to help the families in Hanover who need our servies and with your kind donation we can continue to do this.

Marilee Hyna, Director of Operations at the Hanover Food Pantry

Dear Members of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Thank you for your very generous gift of \$500.00 to the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Apple River. I realize your gift represents a lot of work by the members of your church. Thank you for entrusting us to ge good stewards of your generous gift. Our clients are very appreciative of the pantry items we are able to provide...because of gifts like yours.

Thank you for your mission outreach into our community.

Sally Toepfer, Bread of Life Food Pantry